**Romeo & Juliet Webquest**by Jasmine Wong

**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm) and answer the following questions (1-7).

1. Click on the link to Birth 1564 & Early Years. William Shakespeare was born in what year?   
    •William Shakespeare was born in 1564.
2. What date do we recognize as his birthday?  
    •We recognize April 23rd as Shakespeare’s birthday.
3. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?  
    •The significance of Stratford-upon-Avon, in the 16th century, is it is where Shakespeare was born.
4. Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.  
    •Shakespeare was associated with several acting companies. One was Lord Strange’s Men.
5. Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?  
    •The probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written is 1595.
6. Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions:
   1. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?  
       •The timbers to build the Globe came from the Theatre.
   2. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?  
       •The carpenter who built the Globe was Giles Allen.
   3. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?"  
       •Shakespeare’s share as “householder” was one-fifth of fifty percent of the profits, or 10% of the total profits.
7. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?  
    •Shakespeare died on April 23, 1616 when he was 52 years old. This is an interesting date because it is also the day he’s believed to have been born (April 23, 1564).

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
   1. What does betrothal mean?   
       •At a betrothal, the two people join hands. He gives her a ring for her to wear on the right hand and it changes to the left at the wedding.
   2. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.   
       •Marriage starts with a betrothal. Betrothals have people hold hands and the girl receives a ring from the boy to wear on her right hand. At the wedding, the ring goes to the left hand. These betrothals can be terminated with mutual consent. Marriage, being a contract, is sealed with a kiss and signatures.
2. Click on the link for "more wedding customs."
   1. What color should the bride's dress be?   
       •The bride’s dress doesn’t have to be any specific color.
   2. How is the intention to marry announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?   
       •The intention to marry is announced in the church three times, on three consecutive Sundays or holidays, in the same parish. If it is not announced previous to the event it is considered clandestine and illegal.
   3. Describe the wedding procession.   
       •The wedding procession is generally noisy and disorderly with musicians, jokes, and laughter. The bridesmaids help the bride prepare and then everyone heads to the church.
   4. What is a dowry?   
       •A dowry, or marriage proportion, is an amount of money, goods, and property the bride brings to the marriage.
3. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?  
    •A wedding ring is neither universal, nor sentimental, to the Elizabethans. Many portraits don’t have rings included and several poor women never wore rings due to the cost; they would go their whole lives without one.

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?  
    •People generally eat two means each day.
2. Click [here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?  
    •People in Shakespeare’s day didn’t know what a chocolate chip cookie was because chocolate had not yet come in, except for medicine purposes, and sugar and milk had not yet been added to it. Sugar was more expensive than honey back then and had to be grated into a useful form.
3. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.  
    •For the dinner party, we will have potatoes, spinach, oranges, grapes, trout, and beef.

**About Language**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/20.html) and continue (14-16).

1. A famous line from Romeo and Juliet is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?  
    • “Wherefore” means why.
2. What does "stay" mean?  
    • “Stay” means to wait.
3. [Click here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/29.html) to get the information you need to translate this conversation. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English.

|| **Person A** || Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me. || Good day. (A sneezes) Forgive me. ||

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| || **Person B** || | Gesundheit! || God save you! || |  |
| || **A** || | Thank you. || I thank thee || |  |
| || **B** || | Say, do you know where the closest bathroom is? | || Say, do you know where the closest little room of office is? || |
| || **A** || | Certainly. It's down the street in the Kings Tavern. | || Certes. It’s down the street in the Kings Tavern. || |
| || **B** || | Thanks. Goodbye. | || Gramercy. Goodbye. || |